

(b) If so, the details of the proposals approved during 1996; and

(c) the total investment involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to India Investment Centre figures for the period January-October 1996, ten Taiwanese proposals for foreign collaborations have been approved by the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India in areas including electrical equipment, industrial machinery, computers, year, transportation and granite, involving an equity participation of Rs. 67.38 million.

Assistance to Karnataka under AIBP

1338. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the projects in Karnataka, which had received financial assistance during 1996-97 under the 'Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme';

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have released only 50% of the funds and the rest 50% would be released only as reimbursement;

(c) If so, whether the Karnataka Government has asked to reimburse the remaining 50% of the amount; and

(d) if so, the amount, if any, reimbursed by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Three projects namely, Upper Krishna Project (Stage-I, phase-III), Malaprabha and Hirehalla had received Central Loan Assistance (CLA) during 1996-97 under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP).

(b) Yes, Sir. The first instalment of 50% of sanctioned CLA to these projects has been released to the state Government. The balance 50% of CLA is to be released as reimbursement of expenditure incurred in two instalments of 25% each.

(c) and (d) The Government of Karnataka has requested for release of 2nd instalment of CLA for the above mentioned projects. However, no amount has been released to the Govt. of Karnataka so far as the expenditure incurred

on the projects does not qualify for reimbursement of 2nd instalment of CLA.

[Translation]

Health Care

1339. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct a survey regarding the health care requirements of people, particularly the poor people and those living in rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is shortage of doctors for this purpose and also shortage of medicines required annually for free supply;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to overcome this shortage, deploy the junior doctors in rural areas, manufacture of medicines and ensure health care for all ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Facilities Survey at Primary Health Centre's level of 90 demographically weak districts under Social Safety Net Scheme was conducted in the year 1993 covering 32 Districts of Uttar Pradesh, 23 districts each in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, 5 districts in Bihar, 2 each in West Bengal and Gujarat and 1 each in Haryana, Kerala and Orissa.

(c) and (d) As per available information as on 30.6.96 the position of doctors in Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres is in the attached statement.

Being a State subject, medicines are supplied to Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres by the State Government under its own budget. The Centre provides Rs.2000/- per Sub-centre every year to the State Government for the medicines.

(e) The Centre has been advising the State Governments to ensure the adequate supply of medicines and to fill up the vacancies of doctors in the rural areas even on contract basis to overcome this shortage.

Statement

Statement Showing Position of Doctors at Different Levels

	Required	Sanctioned	In-position	Vacant	Shortfalls
	1	2	3	4	5
At Primary Health Centre					
Medical Officer	21854	32074	26930	5150	2378
At Community Health Centre					
Surgeon	2424	1366	738	628	1685

	1	2	3	4	5
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist	2424	1150	588	562	1886
Physician	2424	1131	645	486	1883
Paediatrician	2424	858	526	332	1898

[English]

UNEP Report

1340. SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the few countries suffering most from desertification as per the recent report of the United Nations Environment Programme

(b) whether according to the report, India will become a water scarce country by 2025;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per Global Environment Outlook (GEO) report (1997) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the countries suffering most from desertification are China, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Pakistan and India. India is among the countries projected to fall into the Water-stress category by 2025 A.D. when the fresh water availability is expected to fall below 1,000 cubic metres per capita per year.

(d) Keeping in view the future needs of water, the Government has taken various policy and programme initiatives. These include adoption of National Water Policy (1987), preparation of National Perspectives for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit areas, promotion of efficient and economic use of water for various purposes implementation of centrally sponsored command area Development programme and conservation and augmentation of water resources through Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Afforestation programmes etc.

Life Line Hospital Scheme

1341. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new scheme on the pattern of "Life Line Hospital Scheme"

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States in which this scheme is

likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Staff in Indian Missions Abroad

1342. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees posted at various countries, embassy-wise, mission-wise as on date; and

(b) the criteria adopted by the Ministry for posting its employees outside the country and in India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) A statement showing the approved strength of Indian Missions/Posts abroad, both India based and local staff, covered under the Ministry of External Affairs latest sanction is at Annexure 'A'. The actual number of employees occupying these posts on any particular date may vary from the approved strength because of transfers, short term vacancies and other reasons.

(b) Officials are posted to Missions abroad and to various offices of the Ministry of External Affairs in India on the basis of their relevant seniority, suitability and experience for a particular assignment, keeping in mind the principle of rotation.

Statement**Approved Strength of Operative Missions/Posts Abroad**

Sl. No.	Mission/Posts	Sanctioned Strength
1	2	3
A. Missions/Special Missions		
1.	Abidjan	12
2.	Abu Dhabi	48
3.	Accra	34
4.	Addis Ababa	27
5.	Algiers	22
6.	Almaty	24
7.	Amman	16
8.	Ankara	26
9.	Antananarivo	18
10.	Ashgabat	17
11.	Athens	18
12.	Baghdad	46
13.	Bahrain	34